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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
 FEBRUARY 25, 2013 MEETING
 Approved March 26, 2013

RESERVOIR COMMITTEE
 Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Lisa Fredman, Cathy Gamett, Martine Gougault, Jane Howard, Rachel James, Elizabeth Karpati, Ann LeRoy, Cindy Matheson, Stephan Miller, Michael Ratner, David White.
 Facilitator: David White Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

2013 meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25,
 July 23, August 27, September 29, October 22, November 27.
 Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room.

1. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.
2. Calendars: All have been sold, netting \$939.
3. EcoFest (March 23): Our display will include pictures of the garden, a sample of the calendar, a map of the Res (David will get it), and a sign-up sheet for garden work. We need a few people to meet during the week before the EcoFest to put it all together and add a few water chestnut seeds if possible.
4. Land invasives: Many grow in various spots around the Res, e.g. garlic mustard, Japanese knotweed, oriental bittersweet. It was suggested that the first thing to attack should be the Japanese knotweed in the "island" near the parking lot. The stems can be composted since they don't re-root; the rhizomes would unless they are dried out thoroughly on a hard surface.
5. Martine suggested having a workshop on fighting invasives. Stephan will arrange one.
6. Signage: Rachel and Cathy are working on this. Jane suggested checking all planned wording with Park & Rec. The question was raised whether to have year-round signs or take them in during the winter.
7. Spring gardening: Martine will get a soil test to see what fertilizer is needed and ask the Con Com about possible restrictions since the garden is near water. The grasses will need to be cut and overgrown clumps reduced; parts of clumps could be transplanted elsewhere, perhaps to the "island." Some plants could be added to the shady side.
8. Work days were scheduled for the mornings (9-12?) of the third Saturday of every month: April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21 (if that is not Town Day), October 19; with rain dates on the following Sunday.
9. To be determined: watering schedule for the summer, date for spreading woodchips in the fall. Dates to be advertised on our website and at the kiosk; Martine will also send the dates to the Arlington Advocate.